



HOME NEWS

### Weizman, Meshel get Negev lines crossed

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A meeting last night about employing foreign labour to build two Negev airbases broke up with Defence Minister Ezer Weizman and Histadrut Secretary-General Yeroham Meshel shouting at each other, apparently over a misunderstanding.

Weizman raised his voice at Yosef Ma'ayan, the director-general of the Defence Ministry. Meshel thought the outburst was directed at him — and replied in kind. Weizman then reportedly called off the meeting.

No date was set for another meeting and the Histadrut said it will present its demands in a formal letter to the Defence Ministry.

Meshel criticized the decision to import 3,000 foreign workers and demanded that an effort be made to employ Israelis. Work conditions for foreign and local labour must be equal, he added.

But Weizman said he was bound by an agreement between his ministry and the American Defence Department signed in April. American contractors were engaged because the airbases must be ready by April 1981, when the IDF finishes its withdrawal from Sinai.

Rejecting notions that Israelis may be unemployed while workers from Thailand and Portugal are imported, Weizman said the works at Rinon and Ovda constitute only 15 per cent of the planned work for the IDF's redeployment in the Negev. Ma'ayan suggested that the

differences be discussed in the joint Defence Ministry, Employment Service, Histadrut committee, but the labour federation rejected it. The Histadrut maintained that the committee is merely a forum for exchanging information.

Earlier, Meshel had threatened to involve the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions, of which he is vice-president, and the American AFL-CIO in a talk with Ma'ayan.

Workers' committees representing over 25,000 Solei Boneh employees held an emergency meeting yesterday evening, and decided to "protest sharply" against the employment of foreign workers in the Negev.

Meanwhile, Labour Minister Israel Katz denied charges that Israel had deviated from its labour laws by allowing American companies to employ Israelis in the Negev airbases projects.

Reacting to statements attributed to Meshel, Katz said that the employment of the airbases was supervised by the Employment Service and that their wages were identical to those prevailing in Israel.

According to the Employment Service, some 200 Israelis are currently employed in the airbases construction projects in accordance with predetermined lists of vocations in which Israelis are permitted to work. Israelis are employed in the projects as telephonists, security guards and communications workers.

### Syrian pilots blame losses on inferior Soviet planes

Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies

Four Syrian pilots whose Mig-21s were downed during a dogfight in Lebanese skies with Israeli jets on Monday are all safe, a Damascus newspaper said yesterday.

The "al-Arab" daily "Tishrin" carried interviews with three of the pilots and pictures of them on its front page. The pilots insisted that they had shot down two Israeli jets, an American-made F-15 and a French-built Mirage.

Lebanese Phalange radio reported yesterday morning that one of the four pilots was a Palestinian, and that the PLO flies Mig jets carrying Syrian markings. It is known that the PLO has sent its members to flying courses in Libya, Iraq and Uganda.

Syrian military spokesmen have said four Syrian planes were "hit" during the air battle.

The "Tishrin" interviews in-

dicated that the four Syrian Mig-21s were gunned down by the sophisticated F-15. The pilots noted the superiority of the F-15 as compared to the Soviet-made craft.

"The U.S. is helping maintain Israeli military superiority because Washington wants to help Israeli aggression on the Arabs and Lebanon," one of them was quoted as saying.

In a similar analysis a Kuwaiti newspaper editorial yesterday blamed what it termed the inferiority of Soviet-supplied Mig's rather than poor quality of Syrian pilots for the loss of Syrian planes in recent battles over Lebanon.

"Our problem is not in the mastery of arms, but rather in the inferior types of weapons the Soviet Union is supplying us with, compared to the most sophisticated types of weapons the U.S. is supplying to Israel," said "Al-Rai al-Aam."



Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali (left) makes a point during yesterday's session of the autonomy talks in Alexandria. Listening is Premier Mustafa Khalil. (AP radiophoto)

### LAND PURCHASES STIR ROW

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ing of the Camp David peace accords.

Ghali asked for the floor three times to challenge Israel's chief delegate, Interior Minister Yosef Burg, an Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, who both defended the Israeli land purchase decision forcefully.

While apparently trying to mitigate the political significance of the decision, Tamir said that Israel should not be expected to live with a situation in which its citizens could buy land in New Jersey or London and not in Betlehem and Ramallah.

Burg accused Egypt of "using a big gun to shoot a small bird."

Ambassador James Leonard, head of the U.S. delegation, made one comment, saying that his country's position with regard to "the acquisition of land" was well known. He referred his audience to a recent State Department statement, which said the land purchase decision hindered the peace process.

In the heat of arguments, Ghali indicated that Egypt is displeased with the manner in which the autonomy talks are being tackled.

While indicating that talks over the autonomy election mechanism were making slow progress, he said that Egypt and Israel remain separated, differing over talks dealing with the autonomy powers.

"Differences and gaps still exist," he said.

Working groups dealing with both the autonomy modalities and powers yesterday reported to the plenary session on their recent round of talks in Herzliya.

Although reporting to have made some progress, one senior Egyptian official said that the groups remain far from making anything like spectacular progress.

Under the schedule agreed on last night, the working groups will be called upon to meet frequently, alternating between Egypt and Israel, and for periods that may go beyond one week long sessions. The working groups have been meeting once a month for two to three days.

The new schedule was inspired by the U.S. presidential envoy to the autonomy talks, Robert Strauss, who on a recent visit to Cairo and Jerusalem conveyed Washington's desire to see the autonomy negotiations produce concrete results. Washington is trying to counter resolutions being passed in international forums on behalf of the Palestinians.

The forthcoming intensive meetings by the working groups of experts are expected to lessen the need for frequent meetings of the ministerial teams, whose talks have occasionally erupted into political polemics. The ministers are now to convene once every two months.

### CAIRO MILITARY

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written off the possibility of renewed Russian arms supplies. Egypt has been stressing that it is turning its defence machinery against Soviet penetration of the region — no longer against Israel.

Among the main items the Egyptians will feature in the anniversary extravaganza are 16 F-4 Phantom fighter planes, freshly delivered from the U.S. under a \$1.5b. package concluded with Washington following signing of the peace treaty with Israel.

The display will also feature Shenyang fighters, a Chinese version of the Soviet-made MIG 19 which Peking sent Cairo during the past year, along with spare parts for Egypt's 500 Russian-made combat aircraft and many of its 2,000 ageing tanks.

The Egyptians are currently engaged in negotiating for American arms and beyond the present \$1 billion credit sale, which has been virtually filled with the purchase of 36 F-16s, 11 batteries of Hawk anti-aircraft missiles, 700 armoured troop carriers and other military vehicles.

The Egyptian shopping list includes 300 F-16s, 100 heavier F-15s, 500 tanks, 2,000 armoured personnel carriers and a number of naval vessels including destroyers and submarines. The list also includes equipment and tools for Egypt's own manufactured machinery, including light helicopters and aluminum patrol boats.

Assistant U.S. Defence Secretary David MacGiffert and William Perry, the Pentagon's research chief, have recently made separate trips to Egypt to survey its arms needs.

Much of the military demonstration here is being attributed to Egypt's desire to aid conservative Arab countries in combating Soviet-inspired political intrigues, such as those being launched now from Ethiopia, Libya and Algeria against Somalia, Sudan and Morocco, respectively, and to its desire to police stability in the region.

Egypt was reported yesterday to have offered the Gulf state of Oman an alliance for protecting its strategic Strait of Hormuz, through which a major proportion of the world's oil supply is transported.

Vice-President Hosni Mubarak flew to Oman on Tuesday, after that state failed to rally any other Gulf Arab countries, including Iraq, Kuwait and Bahrain, behind a security plan to defend the Hormuz.

Oman launched the plan, which reportedly involved a projected alliance including the U.S., Britain and West Germany, following warnings in Washington last month that saboteurs planned to blow up a tanker in the Hormuz Strait to block the passage.

### Israel's 3-0 loss to Spain ends Olympic soccer hopes

By PAUL KOHN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — With flamenco-like panache, a skillful Spanish Olympic soccer team trounced an unimaginative Israeli national side 3-0 before 20,000 disappointed fans at the Ramat Gan stadium last night.

All the Spanish goals were scored in the second half, after the Israel team had held its own until the 52nd minute, when Spain took the lead with a magnificent goal.

The result dashed Israel's hopes of appearing with a football team in 1980's Moscow Olympics.

So far, Israel has managed to score only one goal in three Olympic games. Yesterday, it was again a poor attack which was primarily to blame for the defeat. Gideon Dornit, Vicky Peretz and Benny Tabak, the strikers, caused no problems to the Spanish defence, with all their moves transparent, and none of the three a sharpshooter.

The Spaniards, however, snapped up every scoring chance. In the evenly fought first half, a keen-tackling Israel defence and midfield kept the Spaniards from developing their game.

With the start of the second half, Israel moved in waves on the Spanish defence, which reacted with enviable composure. In the 52nd minute, Manrique Victor rocketed a goal from 25 metres, right past a diving Aris Haviv.

Soon after Real Madrid's Miguel Portu was left unmarked, as Juan Rubio sent him a perfect pass which Portugal slammed home. He scored Spain's third goal in the 84th minute.

With Israel two goals down and half-an-hour left, national team coach Emanuel Sheffer seemed paralyzed and made neither team nor tactics changes, although there were five fresh players on the bench. It was Spain's coach, Jose Santamaría, who replaced two of his players.

### U.S. proposing int'l session to enforce truce in Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The administration of President Jimmy Carter is sounding out Israel, Syria and a number of other Mideast parties on setting up an international conference to impose a truce in Lebanon, U.S. officials said yesterday.

One objective is to replace the Arab League peace-keeping force, which is dominated by Syrian troops, with a UN group.

The U.S. officials, who asked not to be identified, said they hoped Palestinian and Christian factions could be induced to meet in Beirut and agree to a truce.

At the same time, these officials were sceptical that the most extreme elements in the Palestine Liberation Organization would give up their terrorist raids against Israel.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance signalled the fresh U.S. drive in Lebanon, U.S. officials said yesterday.

Since then, American diplomats here and in the Middle East have tried to rally support for negotiating a truce to supplant the fragile and frequently broken ceasefire.

Syria has raised U.S. hopes by indicating it would like to withdraw the troops it has stationed in Lebanon as part of the peace-keeping operation.

### Israel involvement sought in Sadat's peace festival

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

French film director Roger Vadim met yesterday with Foreign Ministry officials to request active Israeli involvement in the "Peace Festival" planned by President Anwar Sadat to mark the second anniversary of his visit to Jerusalem.

Vadim has been asked by Egyptian authorities to organize the event which is to be staged on November 19 in the shadow of the pyramids, with the participation of entertainment stars from around the world.

Israeli officials told Vadim that Israel cannot take part in the festival preparations until it receives an official invitation from Egypt and assurances are given that Israeli participants will be able to enter Egypt.

Vadim is to leave today for Cairo in an attempt to obtain such assurances. He said in an interview that he will pull out of the project unless Israel will participate, both as performers and as members of the invited audience.

Meanwhile, Zohia Mehta, conductor of the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra, announced yesterday in Milan that the Egyptian government had agreed in principle to the participation of Israeli soloists together with the New York Philharmonic and an Egyptian choir in the Cairo festivities. Mehta is with the orchestra on a European concert tour.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Shamir met yesterday with outgoing Nepalese Ambassador Dr. Trailokya Uprety.

Housing Minister David Levy will address the Tel Aviv Rotary club at a 1:15 p.m. luncheon today at the Hilton Hotel.

Birth

GOELL. — To Gideon and Ella (Guber), a son, first grandchild to Yossi and Edi Goell and Mira Guber and first grand-grandchild to Avraham and Sarah Goell and Maurice and Lillian Poland.

### Arrest of woman reservist protested

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 20 women demonstrated quietly yesterday afternoon outside the Defence Ministry here, to protest against Tuesday's arrest of reserve sergeant Naomi Uzziel for refusing to report to her reserve unit two weeks ago.

The demonstrators wielded posters and called on the government to change the present women's draft law, which they say discriminates against secular women. They also called for public support in their struggle to change the law, which places the whole burden of military and reserve service on secular women, while religious women are exempt from any kind of military or national service.

Uziel, a 23-year-old Jerusalemite, wrote to her reserve officer, declaring her intention not to report to reserve duty when summoned, as a protest against exemption of religious women from army service.

### Pressman gold trial begins

TEL AVIV (Him). — The trial of Eli Al captain Akiva Pressman and four others on charges of gold smuggling opened yesterday in District Court here before Judge Menahem Hanan.

The other four defendants are Pressman's girlfriend, stewardess-model Michael Adar; Shalom Saruch, manager of the Arkia office at Ben-Gurion airport; and Yehoshua Weisel and Moshe Dublinger, yeshiva students.

At yesterday's short session, the five denied the charges. Their lawyers promised to present a long series of preliminary arguments at the next session.

### Lord Fisher improving

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Lord Fisher of Camden, chairman of the governing board of the World Jewish Congress, is making progress in hospital here following a stroke. Lord Fisher, 74, suffered the stroke shortly after returning from Israel, where he attended the wedding of his granddaughter and also met a number of politicians.

### SAPPER.

Petah Tikva sapper, Shlomo Hlndi was awarded a city medalion this week for his efforts at saving lives in the city.

### Begin hears renewed plea for Birim, Ikrit homes

By ASHER WALLFISH  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A delegation from two Galilee villages evacuated by the IDF 31 years ago, after the War of Independence, called on Prime Minister Menahem Begin yesterday to wish him well for Rosh Haashana and to reiterate their traditional plea to be allowed back home.

Archbishop Maximus Salomon, head of the Greek Catholic Church in the North, handed Begin a memorandum, recalling the many occasions on which the High Court of Justice, the authorities and political leaders such as Begin himself had conceded their right to go back to Ikrit and Birim. Begin in his reply recalled some of the promises, especially that made publicly by his cabinet colleague, Transport Minister Haim Landau.

Anis Shakhour, a member of the delegation who now practices law in Haifa, said he and his colleagues were very encouraged by Begin's warm words, although he said Begin did not promise any immediate action.

Begin said the matter was now in the hands of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Begin's remark indicates that he is aware of the situation. Nobody in the delegation, or among Begin's aides, appeared to be better informed.

Over a year ago a special cabinet committee headed by Agriculture Minister Ariel Sharon ruled against the return of the Birim and Ikrit villagers. His negative recommendation was due to be taken up in the cabinet. The cabinet has not discussed the matter since.

A motion calling for the villagers' return has been in the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee for the past 18 months. No vote has been taken on the motion, and in any case the committee has no operative powers.

In the Knesset committee, chairman Moshe Arens went on record in April 1978 that no vote would be taken till the cabinet had completed its deliberations.

Yesterday Begin told the villagers' delegation that he was waiting till the Knesset committee concluded its deliberations.

### MDs balk at sharing suspect's diagnosis

TEL AVIV (Him). — The Health Ministry's legal adviser has been asked to rule in a possible precedent-setting case of medical confidentiality stemming from the arrest of a suspect in last week's burning of a safe full of documents in a customs office here.

The man had been out on bail under suspicion of evading I950m, in customs duties. Checking in with the authorities on Friday, the day after the fire, as required by the bail terms, burnt-light marks were noticed on his arms.

The suspect claimed that the wounds were from an accident unconnected to any fire, but police brought him to be examined by a plastic surgeon.

The doctor refused to tell police his findings, pleading patient confidentiality. The officers appealed to his hospital supervisor, but he demanded that a definitive ruling on the subject be handed down by the Health Ministry's legal adviser.

OUTPOST. — The 121st Nahal outpost, Beit Rimom Gimel, was established yesterday in Lower Galilee.

### 'Yad Vashem visit irrelevant — sick of hearing about Holocaust'

### Jackson an opportunist, Jewish aide says

By SARAH HONIG  
Post Political Reporter

Rev. Jesse Jackson is "a dangerous man," and Prime Minister Menahem Begin was right in refusing to see him.

This is what the man who helped organize Jackson's trip to Israel — Phil Blazer of Los Angeles — had to say yesterday about the black American "self-appointed mediator."

Speaking at a press conference in Jerusalem, Blazer said that Jackson's "actions are divisive, his words inflammatory, and his alliances are made less from moral conviction than from considerations of personal gain."

Blazer, publisher of "Israel Today" magazine, and Raymond Mallei, executive member of the Sephardi World Federation, were both members of the Jackson party. But they left it after becoming convinced that "Jackson came to Israel to look for supportive evidence for conclusions he had already drawn.

He came as a prosecuting attorney and he does not care one bit about the Israeli point of view."

Both men rejected Jackson's assertion that he "hardly knew" them. Blazer said it was Jackson who had turned to him for help in planning his trip to Israel. He said he footed the bill for some of the Jackson party expenses, including the bus which delivered it yesterday afternoon to the Allenby bridge.

Blazer said that he had decided to show Israel to Jackson "in the slim hope" that he would come to see its point of view. But Jackson's "total indifference to Israel and the Jewish people as well as to fellow Christians" was evident from his refusal to meet with Major Sa'ad Haddad, or visit a border kibbutz, and his impatience at Yad Vashem.

On the El Al plane that brought them to Israel, Blazer said, Jackson had told him that he was "sick and tired about hearing constantly of the Holocaust. The Jews do not have a monopoly on suffering and they merely want to put the Americans in

### Freij in Rome: PLO represents us

ROME (UPI). — Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij yesterday told the Rome conference on the Palestinians that the West Bank Arab population recognizes the Palestine Liberation Organization as its representative.

"We (the West Bank Arabs) shall not settle for anything less than an independent Palestinian state," he said at the closing session. "If this principle is agreed, we are ready to settle our differences with Israel in a peaceful way."

The Israeli delegation attending the conference included MKs Ori Avnery of Sheli and Tawfik Toubi of Rakah, and Ya'acov Arnon, former director-general of the Finance Ministry.

### Rabin wants trusteeship in West Bank

Former premier Yitzhak Rabin told an international assembly of jurists yesterday that he favours a joint Israel-Jordan trusteeship over the West Bank that would lead to an eventual "Palestinian Jordanian state."

Rabin told the Jerusalem Conference on Peace vs. Violence

that he doesn't believe the Camp David accord provision for Egypt and Israel to negotiate the future of the West Bank will work. He said he preferred seeing in the talks "not the Palestinians as they are defined today, but rather Jordan, to find a permanent solution for the Palestinian problem."

Mallei to comment that "Jackson will ally himself with any radical." Blazer said he "cannot rule out the possibility that Jackson is after Arab oil money. At this point his funds are almost depleted; he could barely scrape up enough to pay for the plane tickets."

"Jackson's one constituency," Blazer said, "is the media, where he makes ample use of preprogrammed rhetoric, which he utters from beneath a cloak of professed Christian morality."

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Please refrain from condolence visits.

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# Beit Dagon shut by housing demonstrators

**By ALAN ELSNER and MICHAEL YUDELMAN**  
Jerusalem Post Reporters

BEIT DAGON. — Some 60 young couples, protesting against their housing conditions, used burning tires to block all roads leading into this township just north of Rishon LeZion yesterday morning.

They also broke into two blocks of flats owned by Amidar and brought the township to a standstill by closing down stores and schools and evicting the head of the local council and his staff from their offices.

Large detachments of police and border police hurried to the scene but did not intervene. Later in the day, after the couples had received telegrams from Housing Minister David Levy and Industry Minister Gideon Peat, promising that their problem would be discussed by the Ministerial Economic Committee, the couples agreed to vacate the apartments they had occupied.

"We are leaving voluntarily as a sign of goodwill, but if the government does not discuss the problem by next Thursday, we will be back the following day," said Yigael Hanuka, a spokesman for the couples. "We give them 30 days from now to find us proper rented accommodation." Kol Yisrael reported that the demonstrators have collected money to pay for damages incurred during the protest.

Yesterday wasn't the first time that life in Beit Dagon has been disrupted by angry young couples

protesting about housing. But, in the last few days, tension has been rising over what the couples view as government apathy and indifference.

Local council chairman Ezra Hevroni said that the whole township was united behind the "justified demands" of the young couples. Most of them still live with their parents or in buildings earmarked for demolition. I call on the government to find a solution to their plight," he said.

The protesters wrecked the offices of the local council when they forcibly evicted its staff in the morning. They then set off the sit-in, signalling to the townsfolk that the demonstration had begun. Schools immediately closed down and shopkeepers pulled down the shutters for the day.

Hevroni said it wasn't the first time his office had been wrecked by protesters. But "I can't really blame them," he said. He added that the two blocks invaded by the demonstrators were the only ones built during the last six years.

MK Genia Cohen (Tehiya) was on the scene and later took part in the protesters' discussion on whether to end the sit-ins. "I take the government's promise to young couples seriously, even if the government doesn't," she said.

By evening, life in the township was back to normal. However, the atmosphere remained tense with scores of police and border police patrolling the streets.



An etrog salesman at the Four Species market at Tel Aviv's Elkar Market. Yisrael sells a large etrog for IL400, proving reasonable prices are still to be found. (IPPA)

## Jerusalem Post polls rabbis: Don't pay exorbitant prices for etrogim

**By JUDY SIEGEL**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

"It's better to buy a new pair of shoes for your child or to give charity than to buy an exorbitantly priced etrog (citron)," says Jerusalem's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Bezalel Zolli.

One of a number of rabbis polled on the subject by *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday, Zolli said that he and his Sephardi counterpart, Rabbi Shalom Mashash, ordered the posting of notices around town warning sellers not to charge unreasonable prices before the Succot holiday, which begins next Friday.

"Some retailers hide the most perfect ones in order to make the best etrog rarer and raise the going price," asserted the chief rabbi. He also urged Jews not to spend ridiculous sums to observe the commandment, "And ye shall take you on the first day the fruit of goodly trees..." Having not yet done his own shopping, the chief rabbi could not state what prices could be considered "exorbitant."

Kosher etrogim range in cost from less than IL100 to several thousand pounds this year. Some merchants earn enough money from the Succot season to live on through most of the year.

Prices will probably be forced downward since the first day of Succot falls on Shabbat, when the blessing over the "Four Species" is not recited. Since only the first day is mentioned by the Bible in "taking of the fruit," and since "taking" is on the other days of the holiday is a talmudic injunction only, some Jews may not buy their own etrog this year.

Tel Aviv Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yedidya Frenkel told *The Post* that if a person has a limited income, he may be perfectly satisfied with a kosher etrog bought for the

## Verdict due in fortnight Coastal road massacre accused 'unashamed'

**Jerusalem Post Staff**  
and Itim

LOD. — Pandemonium broke out in the military court here yesterday when a lawyer representing the two Palestinians charged with participating in the 1978 Coastal Road massacre said his clients were not ashamed of their actions.

Defence attorney Ibrahim Nasser also said that witnesses at the trial had distorted the truth because of their hatred for Arabs.

Nasser was summing up in the case against Khaled Hussein, 18, and Hussein Fial, 19, the only members of a group of 13 terrorists left alive after the bus hijacking on the coastal highway in March 1978. The two have denied killing anyone. Thirty-four people died and 72 were wounded in the attack.

"The accused are not ashamed of their action and are proud of their mission, but they are not ready to take responsibility for the distorted information of witnesses full of racial hatred against Arabs," Nasser told the court.

There was an uproar in the packed room after Nasser made the statement. Quiet was only restored after the judge threatened to clear the room.

The lawyer told the court that the

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## Police search refusenik's home

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Prominent refusenik Viktor Bralovsky said yesterday that police had searched his flat as part of an operation to silence the illegal journal he edits.

Bralovsky is one of the editors of "Jews in the Soviet Union." He has repeatedly been refused a visa to emigrate.

He said he feared the KGB were trying to implicate him in the case of Igor Guberman, a popular science writer who was arrested about a month ago on suspicion of involvement in the theft of icons.

The officers who searched his flat yesterday had a search warrant for icons and other religious objects, he said. They removed some photographs of Guberman and two documents signed by his wife.

## MDA to get IL6m. from Health Ministry

**By ALAN ELSNER**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A Health Ministry decision to give Magen David Adom (MDA) in emergency aid has averted the possibility of more branches of the organization closing in the near future, a senior MDA source said last night. But the ministry is demanding participation in determining next year's budget, the source said.

The money, IL6m. of which is targeted for branches and the rest for central headquarters, has already been received by the organization. The source said that it was understood that the ministry would continue sending money to keep services operating when the present IL6m. runs out.

Three MDA branches — Holon, Beersheba and Binyamina — have already cut services to an absolute minimum with only one ambulance working in Holon and Beersheba will not be restored to their previous level. But no closures will occur.

Earlier in the day acting MDA chairman Mordechai Degani denied charges that a businessman member of the MDA board used his connections with the first aid service to increase his firm's business.

Degani denied press charges that Yitzhak Barnea, a prominent executive of the Travonil plastic bag company, which sells bags to MDA for transporting blood, had participated in making a decision to establish a kidney unit in Holon. After the kidney unit was established the MDA branch went into severe financial difficulty.

## Grants, not tax remission, likely for home buyers

**By SHLOMO MAOZ**  
Post Economic Reporter

Those eligible for Housing Ministry aid in buying an apartment are likely to receive an outright grant rather than remission of indirect taxation included in the purchase price of a new home. This emerges from discussions between the Treasury and the Bank of Israel following recent government recommendations on housing aid.

Grants given to all eligible home purchasers will, it is felt, avoid any injustice to those who buy second-hand rather than new apartments, and will also eliminate administrative problems.

A similar solution is likely to be adopted to overcome any unfairness arising from the recent decision to make state land available free to the Housing Ministry for building apartments for eligible home purchasers.

Grants will probably be given on a points system, with larger sums going to those whose need is greater.

Meanwhile, sales of new apartments to those on the Housing Ministry's lists have plummeted, with potential purchasers awaiting the implementation of the government's decision to return VAT and other indirect taxes, and now, too, to make free land available.

The virtual freeze in sales is likely to spell financial trouble for building companies.

## London gets Lapid backing for series on 'Jewish genius'

**By JUDY SIEGEL**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TV host Yaron London has received backing from Broadcasting Authority director-general Yosef Lapid to produce a documentary series on the "Jewish genius" following London's decision to leave "Behind the Headlines" at the end of next month.

London had been forced to cancel several disputed interviews on the show in recent weeks.

London said yesterday that he had been growing "tired" of the twice-

## IL1,300 kindergarten fee set by ministry, association

**By BENNY MORRIS**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Private nursery schools this year will be allowed to charge a maximum fee of IL1,300 a month, according to an agreement concluded on Tuesday between the Education Ministry and the Association of Private Kindergartens.

"The fees will be periodically increased in line with rises in the cost of living," according to Erna Scherzberg, the association's head.

At the beginning of September, the association demanded permission to charge IL1,400 until February and IL1,700 from March.

Last year private kindergartens were allowed to charge parents IL675 per child per month with the ministry paying another IL200 per child per month directly to the owners of the kindergartens.

The ministry will not give subsidies to nursery schools this year.

A ministry spokesman said yesterday that the private kindergartens will be allowed to charge the IL1,300 fee only if they possess a ministry licence, in accordance with the 1969 School Supervision Law, or if they fulfil the conditions necessary to obtain such a licence.

The ministry yesterday called upon parents to complain to its kindergartens' administration unit, 24 Rehov Shitvet Israel, Jerusalem, if they are charged more than the permitted IL1,300 or if the kindergartens' facilities are not up to regulation standards.

However, additional fees are allowed under certain circumstances.

Attempts by the association, which encompasses some 800 kindergartens, and enforces fee and

## No-confidence vote urged over land sale

**Jerusalem Post Reporter**

TEL AVIV. — MK Avraham Katz-Oz (Labour) of Kibbutz Nahal Oz has called on his party to propose a no-confidence vote following the decision to sell government owned land to individuals and companies.

Yehuda Sa'adi, chairman of the economic committee of the Histadrut Agricultural Centre, said the government's decision will enrich land speculators and contractors.

## Moda'i says Treasury delays setting up phone company

**By BENNY MORRIS**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Communications Minister Yitzhak Moda'i yesterday charged the Finance Ministry with "dragging its heels" over the establishment of a public telephone company, a move decided upon by the cabinet last month.

The minister complained that two months of discussion with senior Treasury officials have failed to elicit his views on "economic aspects" of the proposed telephone system changeover. Moda'i charged that the delay has prevented his ministry from presenting the Knesset with a bill which would establish the company.

The cabinet voted a month ago to establish the company, but senior officials at the Finance Ministry, led by Civil Service Commissioner Avraham Friedman and the head of the budgets division, Prof. Eitan Berglas, have consistently opposed the changeover on financial and administrative grounds. They have argued that establishment of the company would lead to massive increases in workers' wages, and that

## UK minister due on M.E. visit soon

**By HYAM CORNEY**  
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Douglas Hurd, minister of state at the Foreign Office, with special responsibility for the Middle East, will visit the region starting next month.

From October 5 to 11 he will be visiting Syria, Lebanon and Jordan, at the invitation of those countries, and will meet leading ministers.

Hurd will also visit UNIFIL forces in southern Lebanon.

In December, Hurd will go to Sudan, Egypt and Israel. A Foreign Office spokesman said earlier this week that the main purpose of Hurd's tour would be "to demonstrate Britain's continuing concern and interest in the area and to hear the views of the countries themselves."

The Hurd tour should be seen in the light of developments in the European Economic Community (EEC) where, in recent months, there has been a noticeable shift away from an almost automatic following of Washington's line on foreign policy issues, towards a more independent European line.

There has also been talk of an EEC initiative to speed up the Middle East peace process and Hurd's visits may well be a preparation for such a move.

## PARGOD. — The Pargod Theatre in Jerusalem will open again in October following a short break. The theatre operates under the auspices of several government and municipal agencies.

## Halhoul mayor to Jordan as authorities reverse ban

**By IAN BLACK**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mohammed Milhem, mayor of Halhoul, left for Jordan yesterday on municipal business after having received permission from the Judea and Samaria military government.

The authorities' decision reversed their previous stand that Milhem, an open supporter of the PLO who has been in the forefront of anti-Israeli activities in the West Bank, would not be allowed to leave the country.

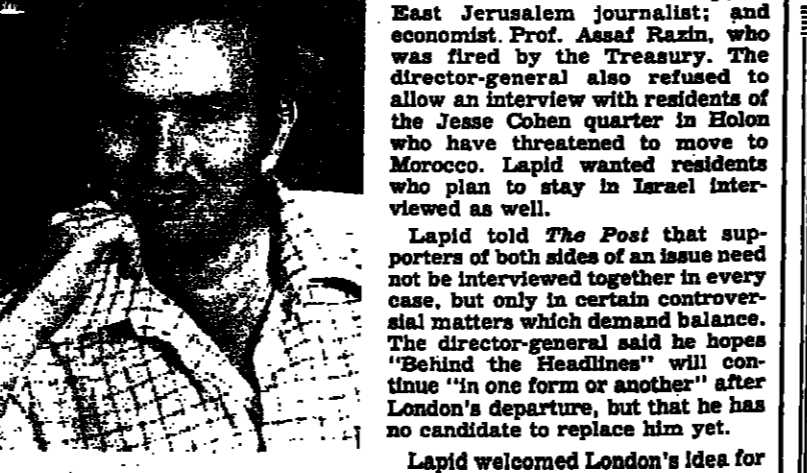
Several weeks ago he was refused permission to attend pro-Palestinian meetings in the U.S. in which the Mayor of Halhoul, and Hebron mayors, Karim Khalaf and Fahd Kawasme, are currently participating. Bassam Shkha, mayor of Nablus, was also prevented from attending.

As recently as yesterday, there were reports that Milhem was still being prevented from going to Jordan, and it was rumoured in East Jerusalem and the West Bank that the military authorities were attempting to prevent the Halhoul mayor from meeting U.S. black leader Jesse Jackson, who crossed the Alishby Bridge to Amman yesterday.

Senior military government sources, however, said there was no significance in the sudden decision to let Milhem visit Jordan.

A number of other West Bank leaders are presently in Amman, apparently seeking cash support for their municipalities from the joint Jordanian-PLO committee which deals with the affairs of the "occupied territories."

By the end of the week, when El-Bireh mayor Ibrahim al-Tawil is also due to leave for Jordan, almost the whole of the political leadership of the West Bank will be abroad.



Yaron London (Yosef Hadar) weekly, late-night interview programme "for a long time," just as he dropped his "Tanu" four years ago after conducting hundreds of interviews. "I wanted to leave 'Behind the Headlines' long ago, but I returned to the show at the request of (then-TV director) Arnon Zuckerman when Meni Pe'er and Ya'acov

## Will Peretz regain power in Ashdod?

**By YITZHAK OKED**  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

ASHDOD. — Today's election to the stevedores works committee will determine whether Yehoshua Peretz resumes his leadership of the port workers here.

On Tuesday Peretz was elected to the works committee of the port's Marine Department. He had been forced to step down from leadership three years ago, when he was convicted and sentenced for refusing to identify himself to Border Police guards at the port and then ordering its gates closed.

The stevedores works committee is the largest in the port, representing over 1,100 workers. Today they will elect 11 members. If candidates identified with Peretz are elected he will be able to dominate the port's workers council, an umbrella for all the works committees.

Peretz could then be re-elected to his old position as chairman of the workers council, and a next possible step would be to revive the National Organization of Port Workers, including Eilat, Ashdod and Haifa.

If Peretz regains power in the ports, it could foreshadow renewed labour disputes there. He has announced that he plans to demand higher productivity from port labourers — and proper compensation from management.

This comes at a time when the ports are expected to become very busy. The citrus season is just starting, and large shipments of materials for Sinai redeployment are expected to begin soon.

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Carter looking forward to Kennedy challenge

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Pakistan tries to silence Bhutto's widow

KARACHI — Pakistan's military government yesterday moved to silence Begum Nusrat Bhutto, widow of executed prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, by charging her with a political offence which carries a jail sentence of up to seven years and forfeiture of property.

Embassy raid defendants say, 'Hang us'

ANKARA (Reuters) — Four Palestinians argued in a Turkish military court yesterday over which of them shot dead two Turkish policemen in a raid on the Egyptian embassy in Ankara last July.



Former first lady Mamie Eisenhower, 82-year-old widow of President Dwight D. Eisenhower, was reported in stable, but still serious condition yesterday at Washington's Walter Reed Hospital.

El Salvador gun battle kills 2

SAN SALVADOR (UPI) — A two-hour gun battle sparked by exploding "propaganda bombs" in downtown San Salvador claimed the lives of two persons on Tuesday and wounded an undisclosed number of others, authorities said.

Congress okays Panama Canal treaty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing a deadline only days away, the U.S. House of Representatives gave Congress' final approval yesterday to legislation carrying out the Panama Canal treaties.

Bazargan raps council's interference

MOSCOW (AP) — Iranian Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan charged over Radio Iran that the Revolutionary Council of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini interferes excessively in Iranian affairs of state.

Chinese cooling heels in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Three days after the arrival here of a Chinese delegation for participation in normalization talks, the two nations still have not set down at the negotiating table, but are attacking each other in their propaganda.

Kojak triggers Polish patricide

WARSAW (Reuters) — A 27-year-old Pole has confessed to police that he murdered his father for switching off the American television programme "Kojak."

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Paris concerned by Dacko's indiscreet pronouncements

PARIS (Reuters) — The saga of the Central African Republic is turning into a diplomatic nightmare for France as each day brings its crop of indiscretions by the new regime and reminders of the horrors of the old.

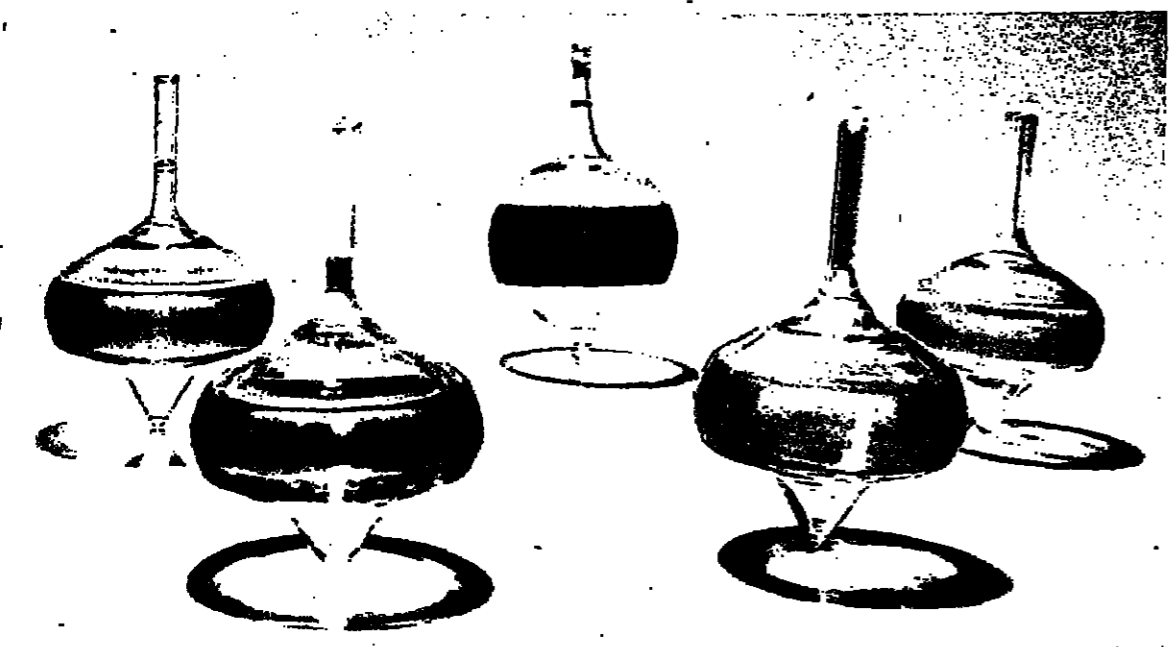
'Montreal Star' ceases publication

MONTREAL (AP) — The 111-year-old 'Montreal Star' ceased publication on Tuesday, citing multimillion-dollar losses brought on by an eight-month strike last year.

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# DEATH AS A WAY OF 'JUSTICE'

By EDOUARD SAVAN/London

MORE THAN 7,500 people are known to have been sentenced to death throughout the world during the last 10 years. More than 5,000 are known to have been executed. And more than half a million people are known to have been victims of political killings during the same period.

This is the international "body count" that emerges from a 206-page Amnesty International report, "The Death Penalty," published yesterday. The report examines the laws and methods by which people can be put to death in 134 countries.

More than 2,000 of the death sentences recorded in the report were handed down in political cases or in cases with clear political overtones. In the remaining cases, the sentence was passed on people convicted of violent crimes or for sexual and economic offences.

In many cases the executions and killings took place secretly or in countries that were closed to independent observers. The full count of victims — particularly of those killed for political reasons — is, therefore, likely to be much higher, according to Amnesty International.

Mass killings and "disappearances" are alleged to have taken place in Argentina (up to 15,000 reported missing), Equatorial Guinea (an estimated one out of every 100 citizens killed under the Macias Nguema regime, most without charge or trial), Ethiopia (up to 80,000 killings), Guatemala (up to 20,000 killings), Kampuchea (at least 200,000 people killed under the Pol Pot government, possibly far more), Uganda (between 50,000 and 300,000 reported killed under the Idi Amin government).

Together with such "extra-judicial" killings, executions carried out after court sentences are now taking place almost every day in countries around the world. In countries where the judicial death penalty is in force for political crimes, the offences for which it may be imposed are often so loosely defined that virtually any activity inconsistent with government policy

becomes punishable by death. In several countries, large numbers of executions have followed changes of government or acts of political violence.

In Iraq, where summary executions are often carried out, 34 people were executed in July 1978, the day after their trial on charges relating to an attempted coup. Six years later, in August 1979, there was a wave of summary executions and a further 21 alleged conspirators were put to death after closed trials.

In Nigeria, 27 people were executed in March and May 1978 following the assassination of Brigadier Myrtila, the country's head of state.

In Sudan, 98 people were executed in August 1978, after an abortive coup against the government of President Jaafar Numeiry.

In Iran, by April 1979, more than 300 former military officers, ministers and members of the administration of the shah had been sent before firing squads after trials by revolutionary courts, mostly conducted in secret. Under the shah, Amnesty International believes that the total number of political executions in Iran since the beginning of 1972 had probably been considerably in excess of 300. Non-violent political dissent was also punished with execution.

In China, a political prisoner accused of writing and distributing a "counter-revolutionary" leaflet was sentenced to death in February 1978 by a provincial High People's court. He was executed immediately after sentence was passed.

THE METHODS by which countries put their victims to death vary from the guillotine in France to the electric chair and gas chamber in the United States, hanging in South Africa and the firing squad in Ghana and Syria.

Public executions are not uncommon. People sentenced to death in Nigeria by the Lagos Armed Robbery Tribunal are tied to empty steel drums and shot by firing squad on Bar Beach.



A convicted Nigerian armed robber is comforted by his father and priests just before facing a firing squad. (Camera Press)

Public beheading is practised in Saudi Arabia, as is stoning to death. In March 1977, three married men who had confessed to kidnapping and raping a woman were stoned to death, the traditional Islamic punishment for such offences

applied in that country. ONLY 18 countries throughout the world have so far abolished the judicial death penalty for all offences, whether committed in time of peace or war. They are Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Den-

mark, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Honduras, Iceland, Luxembourg, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela. A further eight countries retain the death penalty for crimes committed

only in time of war. In seven countries which have the death penalty on the statute books, successive governments have been abolitionist in practice.

In December 1977, an effort to increase world efforts to abolish the death penalty was initiated by Amnesty International when it convened an international conference in Stockholm attended by more than 200 delegates from 80 countries.

The conference concluded that the death penalty had never been shown to have a special deterrent effect — either to potential criminals or those planning acts of political violence.

One man in England who is convinced that executions do not deter crime is Albert Pierrepoint who, from 1931 to 1956, served his country as Official Executioner.

In his autobiography, Pierrepoint concludes: "During my 26 years as an executioner, I believed with all my heart that I was carrying out a public duty. I conducted each execution with great care and a clear conscience. I never allowed myself to get involved with the death penalty controversy."

"I now sincerely hope that no man is ever called upon to carry out another execution in my country. I do not now believe that any one of the hundreds of executions I carried out has in any way acted as a deterrent against future murder. Capital punishment, in my view, achieved nothing except revenge."

ACCORDING TO Amnesty International, comparisons of crime rates in different countries that have retained or abolished the death penalty do not indicate that the threat of execution has been effective in preventing capital crime.

Studies on the death penalty indicate that changes in crime rates depend on many factors other than the existence or use of the death penalty. The fear of death in itself does not appear to prevent individuals from committing capital crimes. The report points out, however, that the death penalty is increasing

ly taking the form of unexplained disappearances, extrajudicial executions and political murders. Ironically, in countries such as Brazil, Colombia and Uruguay — which have totally abolished the death penalty — political murders have been perpetrated on a disturbing scale.

In Central America, over 100 Kekchi Indians, including 25 women and children, were killed by the army in northern Guatemala in May last year. The Indians had come to town to discuss their claims to land that they had farmed for several generations. Local residents later said that mass graves had been prepared for the Indians two days before they arrived at the town.

Guatemala, like other Latin American nations has been terrorized by the notorious "death squads" — bands of heavily armed men who include off-duty government security personnel, pledged to eliminate petty criminals and opposition political activists.

Amnesty International has earlier estimated that the total number of people who died in Guatemala between 1966 and 1978 at the hands of the "death squads" could be as high as 20,000.

In Uganda, under the Amin regime, the "hammer" method was frequently used to kill political prisoners. The prisoners — invariably uncharged and untried — were lined up, the second man in line ordered to smash the skull of the first man's head with a hammer or axe handle, the second prisoner was then killed in the same way by the third, until the whole line was dead, the last survivor being shot by a soldier supervising the killings.

The highest known rate of extrajudicial killings inflicted on a nation by its leaders during the Seventies is in Equatorial Guinea under the government of Macias Nguema. One out of every 500 citizens (out of a total population of only 300,000) is known to have been executed in the past 10 years. Nguema was recently toppled and is now on trial charged with genocide.

The report points out, however, that the death penalty is increasing

A 14-YEAR-OLD refugee girl peddles her emaciated body in the back streets of Salisbury for the equivalent of IL25. Hungry tribespeople are reduced to eating grass seeds in war-torn border areas.

While the political leaders of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia hammer out a settlement in London, their black countrymen are drifting closer to ruin.

"I don't think any of our leaders understand the aspirations of the people anymore," said a black party worker in Rhodesia as the constitutional conference continued in London last week.

A former supporter of Prime Minister Bishop Abel Muzorewa has now become totally disillusioned, a process which he claims has afflicted the bulk of Zimbabwean

blacks. The process is fuelled not only by the escalating carnage, with the death toll from nearly eight years of war totalling 18,000 inside the country, including at least 8,000 black civilians. It also stems from the realization that the war is eroding the foundations of the future through the wholesale destruction of health services, education, jobs and agriculture.

Diseases, like sleeping sickness, which were once thought to have been conquered by modern techniques, are once again in the march through the collapse of tsetse fly control schemes destroyed by Patriotic Front guerrillas as symbols of government presence.

The dry statistics of clinics and hospitals closed by the war in black rural areas reveal the loss of all health services for hundreds of

## Drifting to disaster

By PAUL ELLMAN/Salisbury

thousands of tribespeople. Of the 64 hospitals run by missions, 24 per cent have been closed. Among government rural hospitals, 12 of the original 57 are no longer functioning. No less than 158 of the 275 clinics run by black councils have been forced to close, a proportion of 87 per cent.

Guerrilla-enforced closures of schools have left more than 300,000 primary school pupils from more than 1,000 schools without education. In the secondary sector, nearly 18,

000 students from 58 schools have been out of school for the lengthening queues of unemployed.

Agriculture, the mainstay of black society in the tribal trust lands which cover half Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, has been brought to the point of collapse. The guerrilla campaign against compulsory cattle-dipping has been a resounding success: the resurgence of tick-borne diseases has resulted in the death of a million cattle, one-third of the total herd

held in the reserves. This destruction of inflation-proof traditional wealth also means the loss of draught power for pulling ploughs. Of the 8,000 black farmers who earned a precarious living in the commercial sector, half have been forced to abandon their farms.

According to Father Henry Wardale, the Jesuit Superior in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, the closure of the mission station at Marymount, near the Mozambique border 180 kilometres north-east of Salisbury, has stopped the distribution of Red Cross food and medical supplies in the adjoining region.

As a result, tribespeople have been left to scour the surrounding bush for grass seeds. The north-east of the country is not alone in its hunger. Conditions in Victoria province in the south-east, are said by relief workers to be as bad.

The obvious source of food for tribal lands, the white-owned commercial farming sector, is no longer capable of filling the gap because of the war. Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, for long an exporter of maize, is now having to import from South Africa.

The towns and cities, once a haven for the estimated 750,000 people displaced inside the country by the war, offer little succour, as the burgeoning

squatter camps and their disease-ridden squalor testify. The influx of refugees into the cities has added to the social collapse, with teenage girls turning to prostitution to help to feed families, and their brothers turning to crime.

So close to catastrophe has the situation become that even if the men sitting around the conference table were to agree upon peace immediately it would be many years before Zimbabwe-Rhodesia could return to prosperity.

With the country likely to record a fifth successive year of negative growth in 1979, its dwindling resources will be stretched to the limit to cope with the demands of a population which is increasing at an annual rate of 3.8 per cent. (Observer Foreign News Service)

## Tough bargaining for U.S. bases in Turkey

By JULIET PEARCE/Ankara

THE FUTURE of American bases in Turkey is tied to a complex agreement involving the development of the Turkish defence industry and modernization of the country's armed forces.

As talks continue on an agreement governing the bases, known in official terminology as "common defence installations" (CDIs), negotiators doubt that the deadline of October 9 can be met.

On this date, the temporary agreement allowing the U.S. to use the installations in Turkey will expire. The date was set when the bases were reopened last year after the U.S. Congress lifted its punitive arms embargo against Turkey, triggered by the Turkish intervention in Cyprus.

Neither the Turks nor the Americans seem worried by the deadline. According to sources in both negotiating teams, enough progress has been made to justify continuation of the talks, although major problems remain.

The problems include the amount of money the U.S. is willing to grant Turkey in the coming years, the rules governing the use of the bases and the degree of the Turkish commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO).

The bases consist of 26 sites spread throughout this strategic nation of 45 million people. They are responsible for monitoring an estimated 80 per cent of electronic intelligence collected from the southern part of the Soviet Union.

In particular, they keep an electronic eye on the movements of Soviet warships in the Black Sea and on the activities of Soviet cosmodromes and missile test sites. The only U.S. combat force on Turkish soil consists of a fighter-bomber squadron based at the NATO Incirlik base near the city of Adana, about 150 kilometres from the Syrian border.

The importance of the installations was accentuated by the Islamic revolution and resulting chaos in



Bulent Ecevit

neighbouring Iran. In the view of many NATO experts, Turkey is now the last bastion of Western influence in this strategic corridor of the world, where Europe meets Asia across the narrow straits of the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus.

SINCE THE negotiations started in January, a number of senior U.S. officials have visited Turkey to placate angry Turks and explain the vagaries of congressional control over expenditure. While the Turkish team, headed by Ambassador Farouk Sahinbas, is aware of the problem, the shaky government of Bulent Ecevit has to worry about public opinion, which is increasingly critical of the regime's performance.

"The Turkish Government has taken a considerable political risk in authorizing the re-opening of the bases," Sahinbas said. "The negotiations must produce results that will satisfy our public opinion."

The problem appears bigger than

the good will of the two teams which face each other several times a week at the negotiating table:

The Turks are afraid that the U.S. might use the Turkish bases in the event of another conflict in the Middle East or in a possible military intervention in the Gulf oilfields. Consequently, they would like to tie the bases to what they describe as "the NATO commitment."

The U.S. has suggested the more ambiguous phrase of "support of the fulfilment of NATO commitments," arguing that if the bases are exclusively linked to NATO, any U.S. hardware supplied to Turkey has to be governed by the same conditions.

The Turks insist on an equal sharing of the installations, including equal deployment of personnel manning them. The U.S. view is that there are not enough Turks qualified to handle modern electronic equipment.

The Turks want a hefty financial package to modernize their increasingly obsolete armed forces of half-a-million men. The Americans feel that billions of dollars would be needed to accomplish this, and at this stage, they say, the Turks should settle for a military-economic package of some \$600m. a year — assuming Congress approves it.

THE BASIC "foundation agreement" stipulating the existence and use of the bases has been prepared and finishing touches are being added in Washington. The three annexes dealing with the sharing, conditions and aid package are the main stumbling block.

The Turks are unlikely to shut the bases before the agreement is reached, although they are increasingly aware that U.S. money will not flow in sufficient quantity. Turkey needs the West in more than one way; and antagonizing its powerful American ally would not serve its interests.

But the Turkish government has stressed that "defence and economy are inseparable" and the vagaries of congressional politics are frequently not understood or appreciated. Thus, although the bases will probably continue to operate after the October deadline, more hard bargaining is in the offing.

(Observer Foreign News Service)

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Cement shortage denied
Contractors warn of slump if
U.S. builds Negev airfields

By ALAN ELASNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Representatives of the Association of Builders and Contractors and of Solel Boneh yesterday accused the government of "wrecking the building industry with its ill-thought-out and shortsighted policies."

He particularly attacked the freeing of construction in several sectors and the "massive cut" in the development budget which he said would drive a further 20,000 workers out of the industry.

Speaking at a press conference here, acting chairman of the Contractors' Association Yissahar Oren called the decision to give the job of building the airfields to American companies employing foreign labour "a grave mistake, which will cause a slump in the building industry."

Oren denied the assertion, published in The Jerusalem Post on Monday, that a cement shortage was being caused by contractors selling their cement on the black market to Arab builders on the West Bank.

"We accept that contracts have been signed, but we say that even if the government pays the foreign companies the profit they would have made on the jobs and then hires Israeli contractors, it will still come out cheaper. We built all this country's airfields up to now and many abroad that are of a higher standard than anyone else has been able to reach."

Concerning the factory proposed by Meridor to produce prefabricated housing, both Rothman and Oren agreed that the seven existing factories in Israel were working considerably below full capacity and could be expanded with a relatively small capital input.

Prices set for process oranges
By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Citrus Growers Association has made an agreement between Tnuva Export and the Jaffa-Mor processing factory according to which it will sell oranges for processing at \$62 per ton, grapefruit at \$67 per ton, and lemons at \$60 per ton.

Bank Hapoalim opens branch in Montevideo
TEL AVIV. — Bank Hapoalim yesterday formally inaugurated its branch in Montevideo. The branch, which has been "running-in" for the past few months, fully justifies the expectations the head office has placed in it.



A General Motors employee looks into the rear compartment of a GM Electrovette, an electric-driven Chevrolet Chevette. The bulky batteries supply enough power to drive the car over 100km.

Break-through in electric car research

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — General Motors claimed yesterday to have developed an electric battery capable of powering a car for 180 km without recharging, but that such a car is still six years away. The claim almost doubles the range of electric car batteries produced so far.

Estes said the batteries can power a car for 180 km — at speeds of 80 km an hour, with a battery life of about 30,000-45,000 km. He declined to go into technical details which he said were "classified."

PEOPLE & MONEY

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Post Finance Reporter
TEL AVIV. — THE SHARES of land-rich companies are currently selling at very attractive price levels. Two examples are the shares of Israel Land Development, the country's oldest real estate concern, and those of Property and Building.

and gas exploration in various parts of the country. In the six months ending June 30, 1979 it showed a net profit of IL25.2m., compared with IL17.1m. for all of 1978. The company is currently testing two wells in Ashdod and bringing out 40-50 barrels of oil a day.

MARTIN MAYER, managing-director of the Union Bank, told The Post that he has signed an exclusive distribution agreement for the Kruggerand in Israel. The one-ounce gold coin will be sold by Union Bank and by members of the Bank Leumi group.

German economy may grow 3.5%
FRANKFURT (AP). — Despite a general business slowdown in the industrial world, West Germany's economy has a good chance of growing between 3 and 3.5 per cent next year, the country's leading banker said yesterday.

TEVA pharmaceutical Industries has just published its annual results for the year ending March 31, 1979. These indicate that Israel's largest pharmaceutical concern earned a profit of \$6.6 million, compared with \$6.2 million a year ago.

German economy may grow 3.5%
Emminger's policy of tightening the money supply to fight inflation has not been successful in curbing the U.S. as a threat to the economies of Bonn's major trading partners.

Invention that could save oil prospectors millions
Soviet oleh develops oil sensor

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A neutron generator that can save oil exploration companies millions of dollars in wasted drilling costs has been developed by an Israeli physicist.

sign of the black gold is noticed beneath the diamond-studded bit, as it slowly burrows its way — at extremely high cost per foot — deep into the bowels of the earth.

"People with some venture capital could probably do very well with this one," the IIT's administrative director Benzli Kain told The Jerusalem Post this week. "A working prototype of the instrument is nearing completion, and one of the world's largest oil companies has already committed \$400,000 as initial payment for the first working model of the generator."

A mistake here — and they occur — can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars in wasted labour and equipment outlay. The Israeli-developed neutron generator radiates a stream of electrically neutral particles in such a way that extremely accurate reflective soundings are available almost immediately.

commercial interests in his development. But institute director Yisrael Averbuch, a chemist and former staff member at the Kishinev Institute of Science, promptly recognized the spectacular potential of Ab's work.

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Successful exhibits abroad
organized by Export Institute

By MACABEE DEAN,
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israeli exhibitions abroad are attracting not only an unusual amount of interest but also plenty of buyers, the Export Institute reports.

were displayed by four English models; attracted some 5,000 buyers, many of whom had been personally invited.

He said continued strong capital spending, a relatively healthy building programme and good prospects for West German exports were causes for optimism, despite widespread predictions of decline in world trade next year.

The Europa Hotel was in the headlines some time ago when Arab terrorists launched an attack on El Al personnel there, but the "attack of the buyers" gave Londoners a new view of Israel, it was said.

DAVID BEN-GURION
his life and times as seen through the columns of The Jerusalem Post and before that the Palestine Post, is only one of the hundreds of subjects available on Microfilm or Microfiche.

MEDIA REPORTS that the Eisenberg group intends to purchase the government's shares in the Tefahot mortgage bank have prompted the management of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange to try to clarify the situation.

TRAVEL INFORMATION
FLIGHTS
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MOTOR HOUSE, whose shares have created speculative demand in the past six months, has announced its semi-annual results. Of a total gross income of IL6.5m., more than three-quarters was derived from parking and rental fees in the underground garage located in Tel Aviv's Shalom Tower.

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6. Stone of the opposite of countless (5)
7. Wise bird? Not it! (4)
8. Room for the vice? (3)
9. Strong enough to give a bit of a blast (4)
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Bonds continue firm as equities drift lower

TEL AVIV — With a few exceptions, the index-linked market continued to be firm as... Equities, on the other hand, drifted lower.

Stocks & bonds — the market report

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter

prospect of the sale of the government's shares in Tefatot, the shares of the mortgage bank continue to fluctuate.

shares advanced by 5.1 per cent. Industrials took part in the downward trend. The ILS shares were more than 3.5 per cent lower.

Closing prices on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists various stocks like L.I.S., L.D.S., etc.

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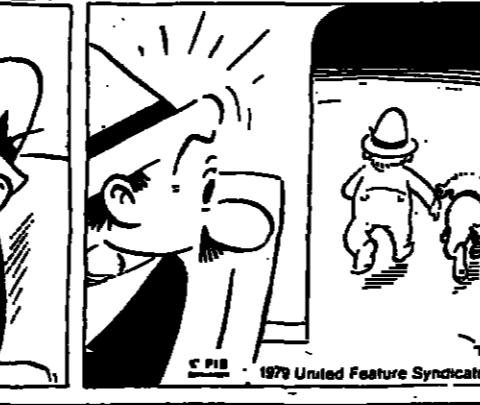
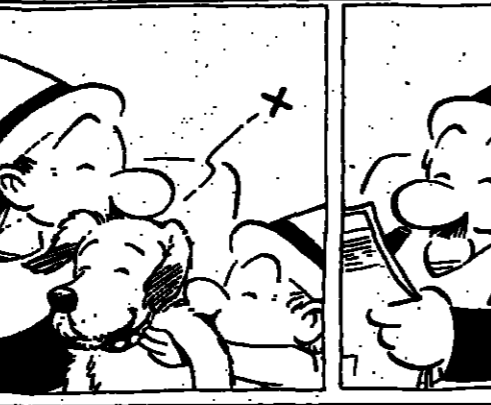
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Representative bond prices

Table with columns: Bond name, Price, Change. Lists bonds like 6.5% Defence loan, etc.

New York Stock Exchange

Table with columns: Stock name, Closing price, Change. Lists stocks like Allied Chemical, etc.



Most active shares

Table with columns: Share name, Closing price, Volume, Change. Lists shares like Leumi, etc.

Proposals to improve tax morality and collection

By MACABEE DEAN Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV — Israeli society is infected through and through with a tax-dodging mentality.

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THE FIRST International Bank has received feelers from the government regarding the latter's offer to sell its shares in the Tefatot Mortgage Bank.

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A FORMULA FOR NATIONAL SUICIDE

PAUL EIDELBERG attacks the recently adopted abortion law, which, he says, will have dangerous demographic, psychological and moral consequences. He also opposes legalizing prostitution which would "undermine the dignity and strength of the family."



PLO on the one hand, while denying Israel's right to be a sovereign state on the other...

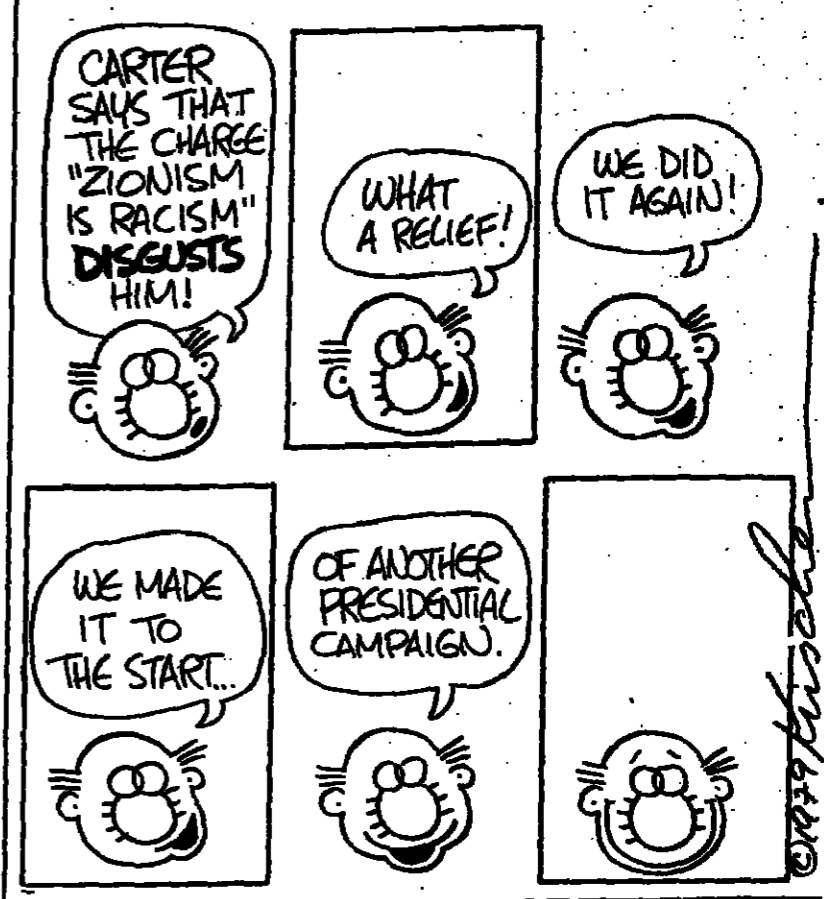
ISRAEL is terribly concerned about its demographic problem. There are some 510,000 Arabs living within the pre-1967 borders...

It will be objected that the abortion law only recognizes a fact: women have abortions regardless (and in defiance) of the law...

All law is intended to promote the common good. The abortion law does nothing of the kind. We have already seen that its long-range demographic consequences will endanger Israel's survival.

Laws against prostitution may be construed as the outcome of a public judgement on the nature and purpose of sex. The judgement teaches that the proper exercise of sex is within the marital bond...

Dry Bones



both the procreative and unitive purposes of sex are best fulfilled within it. The family alone is capable of providing the necessary stability for the profound relationship which sexual union entails...

Ehrlich the wrong target

FEW EVEN AMONG his closest friends would contend that Liberal leader Simha Ehrlich has been anything like a resounding success in the post of finance minister.

By the same token, few even among Mr. Ehrlich's worst enemies could, with a straight face, argue that Tuesday's decision by the Liberal party's central committee on the need for immediate "personal changes" in the cabinet is anything but a concerted attempt to make of the finance minister a scapegoat for the country's economic ills.

These ills are directly attributable to the collective governmental entity presided over by Premier Begin. Arguably they are as much the result of Liberal policies, notably as expressed in the historic act of "liberalization" as of the failure to have these policies carried out in practice.

Previous finance ministers had, as a rule, the vigorous support of their various premiers; and, no less importantly, of their party (Labour, as it happened). When slashes in departmental budgets were decreed, a finance minister could be certain of getting, at a minimum, a decent slice of what he wanted (except, perhaps, in defence).

Not so Mr. Ehrlich. Premier Begin's practice has been to go with him enthusiastically part of the way, only to trip him up just when the going got rough. Then he would turn down Mr. Ehrlich's suggested resignation, on the ground that it would bring the entire government down.

This is essentially the story behind the finance minister's worst humiliation, the notorious "wild goose night" some two months ago, when his subsidy-cutting plan got personally squashed by the Prime Minister.

The ramshackle Liberal Party has been of little help to its elected leader. Although it has long been obvious that only a real prospect of a Liberal bolt could bring the Herut populists to heel, Mr. Ehrlich's party colleagues were at most prepared to go through the motions of making any such threat.

A large minority of Liberals have for months now been clamouring for a reshuffle of Liberal cabinet seats in order to speed up the implementation of "Liberal principles" — meaning, in effect, the scarping of Mr. Ehrlich. On Tuesday, with Mr. Ehrlich himself out of the country, this minority, led by ex-Deputy Finance Minister Flomin and Energy and Communications Minister Moda'i, turned into a majority, in the central committee.

If Mr. Ehrlich goes — and if Mr. Begin were ready to dump him — who would be the replacement? That model of ministerial irresponsibility, Mr. Moda'i, yesterday confessed modestly that he had given some thought to suggestions that he should assume the burden. A more risible proposition has rarely been aired with greater solemnity.

In a week or so, Mr. Ehrlich will be back home from abroad. He could then rightly argue that the committee took unduly hasty action, before even the expiry of the 90-day deadline it had set the Liberal ministers. But it is doubtful whether he will be in a position to put the Liberal house "in order." He appears already to have given up any idea of a struggle to keep his present job.

It is, however, within his power to compel his fellow Liberals to face the true implications of their decision: which is that the present Administration no longer enjoys the minimal confidence of the people, and may not continue without a fresh mandate.

Argentina's blemish

AFTER two-and-a-half years detention for no reasonable cause, by the Argentine authorities, Jacobo Timerman is at long last free and on his way to Israel.

The release of Mr. Timerman, former editor of the Buenos Aires "La Opinion," climaxes a relentless campaign on his behalf by Jewish organizations, notably the Anti-Defamation League, and by general human rights groups. Israel lent its undisguised assistance in the effort for his liberation.

Publicity has made the Timerman case the most widely known around the world, and therefore the most embarrassing to Argentina. Without it, Mr. Timerman would probably still be under house arrest.

Yet uncounted thousands of Argentinian citizens remain in jail or detention without trial and even the prospect of one, the only accusation against them being that they are "harming the higher interests of the nation." Tens of thousands have disappeared without a trace since the coming to power of the present military junta in March 1976.

Recently the junta passed a measure declaring all such vanished Argentinians to be "legally dead."

Many, however, are still alive, Jews and non-Jews alike. If they cannot receive a fair trial from their rulers, and apparently they cannot, then they should at least be granted the option of leaving Argentina.

The cry for their prompt release should be kept up, not least by Israel.

READERS' LETTERS

REVEREND JACKSON'S VISIT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The Reverend Jesse Jackson has stated that the United States is entirely dependent on OPEC and could be put into an irreversible economic slump by Arab economic action...

BLACK ADVICE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — What a mockery, the recent display of concern for the Middle East by American Blacks! Under the guise of religion and Christian ethics, they express opinions on the PLO, injustice, violence and "rights."

MIXED PEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The question of the legitimacy of Conservative synagogues has been the subject of responses of leading rabbinical scholars during the last few decades. In Israel, the most basic deviation from the halachic norm has been the introduction of family pews...

THREATENED SOVIET JEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — As follow-up to my recent article on the desperate plight of the 130 Russian refuseniks of Litynska, USSR, please allow me to inform readers of the existence of the Helsinki Watchdog Committee for Litynska...

RAOUL WALLENBERG

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir, — The BBC is preparing a full-length documentary film on the subject of Raoul Wallenberg, his feats of rescue in Nazi-occupied Budapest and the mystery of his subsequent fate in the hands of the Russians.

YOHANAN RAMATI

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Chairman, Foreign Relations Committee,
Le'Am Party in the Likud,
Jerusalem.

POSTSCRIPTS

IT WASN'T an auspicious way to begin a new year. A new immigrant from the U.S. and his wife were travelling to Jerusalem from Beit Shean on an Egged bus, and were distressed to see that not only the driver was smoking, but so were passengers in the front of the bus.

response, the driver laughed at him and went on puffing. In anger, the immigrant grabbed one of the bus's ashtrays and threw it out of the window. The driver, incensed, took the couple straight to the police station at the Russian Compound after letting the rest of the passengers off at the final stop.

Egged is investigating his complaint against the driver. J.S.

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